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The preliminary amendment adds language to the independent claims to better define the invention. Specifically, no prior art has been found to meet the combined process of cleaning a polymeric article or a polyurethane glove so as to remove non-volatile residues and low-volatility residues, as claimed, wherein the article or glove is taken from a batch of articles or gloves immersed in the bath and the bath is examined for non-volatile and low-volatility residues removed from inside and outside surfaces of the article or glove.

No new matter has been added. Support for the preliminary amendment is provided in the specification in the second paragraph on page 2 and in the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5.

As the applicants pointed out in their response dated June 19, 2003, in the patent application (Serial No. 09/904,455) from which United States Patent No. 6,634,369 B2 issued on October 21, 2003, the solvent effectively removes residues from inside the article or glove, as well as outside.

The claimed process provides an effective, efficient, cost-effective method of cleaning articles, such as gloves, for re-using them.

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